

Vanik Fears Citizens Will Dodge Taxes

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Rep. Charles A. Vanik (D-Ohio) said yesterday he has indications of a widespread movement by taxpayers to stretch their deductions and exemptions because of what he called President Nixon's "unfortunate example."

The result, said Vanik, a member of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee, could be a loss to the Treasury of billions of dollars.

"If the President can get away with it, other citizens feel they have an equal right to stretch their deductions, to stretch their exemptions, to stretch their write-offs," Vanik said.

"If the Treasury is to avoid a disaster by April 15, it must immediately clear up the issue of the President's taxes," he said.

He said "the voluntary income tax system . . . is now being threatened to the peril point by the moral indifference of the President to his own tax obligations and his position as a national leader."

Mr. Nixon's tax returns for the first four years he was in the White House are being reviewed by the Internal Revenue Service and the congressional Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation.

Mr. Nixon asked the congressional committee to decide whether he acted properly in taking a \$500,000 deduction for donation of his vice presidential papers to the government and whether he needs to declare a taxable capital gain on the sale of part of his property in San Clemente.